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members of the same family became infected about one week ago. The cases were placed in the pesthouse and the exposed persons placed in quarantine, and all places and things disinfected. It is not believed that any new cases will occur.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Status of smallpox in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that since my letter of the 23d instant there have been reported 2 new cases of smallpox—one on the 24th and the other to-day. There were, therefore, at 3 o'clock p. m., this day, 4 cases of smallpox in this District, all confined at the hospital.

Respectfully,

H. C. MCLEAN,
Deputy Health Officer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the occurrence in this District on the 29th ultimo of an additional case of smallpox. On the 31st ultimo 1 patient was discharged cured from the smallpox hospital. There were, therefore, in this District at 4 o'clock to-day, 4 cases, all confined in the hospital.

Respectfully,

H. C. MCLEAN,
Deputy Health Officer.

Smallpox in Clay County, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *January 28, 1900.*

SIR: In reply to your circular letter "G. T. V." of January 25, it would be impossible to give you the number of cases of smallpox in Clay County without taking a regular census. The disease has been epidemic there since last November, the physicians calling it chicken pox. An accidental telegram from a correspondent in that part of the country disclosed the state of affairs, for he described smallpox perfectly. It was this that led the State health officer to investigate the situation. In that county and adjoining counties, one may meet everywhere people in all stages of the disease, going and coming as if perfectly well. Severe cases, of course, have to remain at home and in bed. We have 1 hemorrhagic case near Clay City, reported Saturday, January 27; also several cases of confluent and many semiconfluent cases. We have practitioners in this State who still cling to the statement that the disease is chicken pox, after the fullest information has been accorded them. As there is no law by which their public assertions may be stopped, we are so far helpless.

Regretting I can not give more satisfactory information, I am,

Respectfully,

J. N. HURTY,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Shreveport, La.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows (report to and including January 24):

Number of smallpox cases remaining under treatment last report to January 17, 32; admitted since last report, 32; total to be accounted

for, 64. Number cases discharged (recovered), 13; number died since last report, 2; total deductions, 15. Remaining under treatment at close of this report, 49. * * *

Respectfully,

A. R. BOOTH,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Roanoke, Va.

ROANOKE, VA., February 2, 1900.

SIR: In reply to circular letter of February 1, 1900, initialed "G. T. V.," I beg leave to report as follows: The records of this office show that from December 24, 1899, to date, there have been in this city 2 cases of variola and 12 cases of varioloid. The disease is of a mild type, and cases are all doing well.

Respectfully,

R. W. FRY,
President Board of Health.

Smallpox in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

SEATTLE, WASH., January 31, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that smallpox is prevalent in many of the towns of eastern Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Spokane has had over 75 cases. It is of a very mild type and very few deaths have been reported.

Respectfully,

JAS. B. EAGLESON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in West Virginia.

JANUARY 31, 1900.

SIR: Smallpox in West Virginia, in the counties of Fayette, McDowell, Mingo, Gilmer, Upshur, Lewis, Harrison, Calhoun, Monongalia, and *suspects* quarantined in several other counties in the State.

The disease seems to have been brought in from the several contiguous States, and striking at far distant points of the compass, in fact it is feared will infect every county in the State.

Am unable to report at this time the number of cases of smallpox in the several counties where now prevailing, but aggregating something over 100. Will report later.

Respectfully,

A. R. BARBEE, M. D.,
Secretary State Board of Health, West Virginia.

NOTE.—There is a daily demand for smallpox literature from every portion of our State, none so sought as your "Reprint" of October 20, 1899, "Plan of organization for suppression of smallpox," etc., and your "Supplement" of January 6, 1899, "Précis upon the diagnosis and prevention of smallpox."

Those you so kindly sent of late date have been disposed of, and still the demand daily comes for them.

The number distributed has saved me much time and labor, and has resulted in much good. Would like very much, indeed, to have a goodly increased supply, for I seriously apprehend that our whole State will be overrun with the loathsome disease ere the end comes.

Respectfully,

A. R. BARBEE, M. D.

Smallpox in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., January 24, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report 4 cases of smallpox, 1 case at Mauston, and 3 cases in the town of Lemonweir. Origin, first case came